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Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room 8-C445  
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Dear Mr. Genachowski:

I write today on behalf of my constituents in the Shenandoah Valley who have experienced problems receiving several broadcast signals following the recent transition from analog to digital broadcasting.

My constituents tell me that they no longer receive a signal for NBC, ABC and CBS, which they could view before the digital television transition. Apparently, the digital broadcast signals for these three stations are not strong enough to extend coverage to the Shenandoah Valley, but residents have historically been able to clearly watch the stations. They are still able to get a signal for FOX broadcasting from Washington, D.C., after the transition.

I respectfully request that the Federal Communications Commission investigate the loss of digital broadcast signals in the Shenandoah Valley. I would appreciate your sending me any information that I can pass on to my constituents.

I appreciate your assistance in helping me serve my constituents. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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## Commentary/Open Forum

### Losing channels

Al Jazeera's available . . . but not ABC

Claire Boyd

As a follow-up to Chuck Pearce's letter of Aug. 14 regarding the loss of TV stations, I must express similar frustration.

I have researched, called, and spent multi-hours trying to get stations other than Channel 5 and PBS. I have called many times to the DTV hotline, spoken to local political representatives, and called and e-mailed the FCC and the actual broadcast stations (on the advice of the FCC representative).

We bought converter boxes — the coupons covered 75 percent — a new antenna and cables, and a booster, all to no avail. We have climbed to the roof at least 10 times. I can only thank God we did this in July instead of the original date of Feb. 17. My neighbors, who live only two miles outside Winchester, have expressed similar attempts and results.

First, it makes no sense that we get all sorts of PBS channels, Channels 20, 22, 26, 42, 32, 50, 66 and 30 — which has Al Jazeera, Chinese and Spanish. I know, this could be an opportunity. But why do these pre-broadcast stations get through to my house, but not NBC, CBS, or ABC? Of course I could skip many of the series, but the news and weather are pertinent to our life.

Again, I will restate, I have used all the trouble-shooting advice, including checking the cable type, turning off the booster, and re-checking with Radio Shack that my antenna is the correct one.

Lastly, I realize that television reception is not a high priority. Consider for a moment those with fixed incomes, tight budgets, or are disabled and blind who now cannot enjoy television. It has been more than two months, and the FCC's attitude appears to be "Let them eat cake" if they can't get cable or satellite.

Those having similar problems should contact the FCC's Chief of Engineering and Technology, Julius P. Knapp at 202-418-2470 or [julius.knapp@fcc.gov](mailto:julius.knapp@fcc.gov).

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